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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 26, 2009. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on November 27, 2009 (November 26, 2009 being a Federal Holiday), this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be deemed to be required to preserve the pendency of the present application, including any extension of time fees which may be required for an Examiner's Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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